an Education Commission whose functions and responsibilities overlap with its functions of determining investment priorities and allocation of financial resources, as this could impair their ability to take an overall view and evolve inter-sectoral investment priorities.

(c) No decision has been taken so far.

Vacancies of Principals in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†1045. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the posts of regular principals in Kendriya Vidyalayas have been lying vacant for a long time; and

(b) if so, the number of the posts lying vacant and by when those vacancies would be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) It has been intimated by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan that 76 posts of Principals in Kendriya Vidyalayas are lying vacant as on 6.12.04. Some of these vacancies pertain to period prior to the financial year 2004-2005. Action has already been initiated to fill up the 76 regular vacancies.

National Commission of Education

1046. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CMP of the UPA Government promised for constitution of a National Commission on Education;

(b) if so, what action his Ministry has taken to constitute such a Commission;

(c) whether any discussion in this regard has been held with the Planning Commission;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.